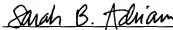


If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone her at the number provided below.

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MARKED-UP VERSION TO
SHOW AMENDMENTS IN SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 4, lines 29, to read as follows:

--Figure 1a shows: Amino acid sequence of GCN4-p1 (SEQ ID NO: 4).--

Please amend the specification at page 5, line 28 through page 6, line 2, to read as follows:

--Figure 3b shows mobility shift assay of Leu-bZip and Tfl-bZip binding to oligonucleotides containing the AP-1 binding site (5'-GTGAGATGACTCATCTCCGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1), top), the CREB binding site (5'-TGGAGATGACGTCATCTCCT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2), middle) and the nonspecific sequence (NON, 5'-GATCCCAACACGTGTTGGGATC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 3), bottom), as described in Example 6.—

Please amend the specification at page 6, line 4, to read as follows:

-- Figure 4a shows Amino acid sequence of a leucine-zipper peptide designated A1 (SEQ ID NO: 5). --

Please amend the specification at page 16, line 18, to read as follows:

--The amino acid sequence of GCN4-p1 (SEQ ID NO: 4) is shown in Figure 1A. --

Please amend the specification at page 17, lines 11-13, to read as follows:

-- **Analog Incorporation Assay.** The expression vector pQE-A1, which contains the coding sequences for the protein A1 (SEQ ID NO: 5) (Figure 4A) was obtained from US Army Natick RD&E Center (Natick, MA). --

Please amend the specification at page 28, line 14, to read as follows:

--The A1 protein (SEQ ID NO: 5) (Figure 4A) forms dimeric coiled coils in aqueous solution.--